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The embassy comments that within the Liberal Party, second-rank leadership has shifted from party policy-maker IKEDA (Hayato) to Deputy Prime Minister OGATA Taketora, who, in addition to being unsullied by the investigations, is reported to have established a working relationship with KISHI Sinsuke, an influential political figure. Although OGATA and KISHI apparently would have good prospects for organizing a coalition, OGATA's loyalty to YOSHIDA is still unquestionable. (S Tokyo 2038, 20 Feb 1954, in Current Intelligence Digest OCI "2257, 23 Feb 1954)

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